

Happy Spring! The annuals in my yard are popping up nicely, I enjoy seeing the sprouts every year. Our Tulip Festival is almost half over! What strikes me about the Festival is how every fabric of our community is involved – from our farm workers, business owners, dedicated volunteers, residents and growers. It truly embodies the term ‘community’ and is a fundamental identity to the City of Mount Vernon that we all celebrate. Remember to have patience with the many, many visitors in town!

Downtown Revitalization & Flood Protection Project Update

On May 1 the City will open bids for construction of Phase 2 of its downtown revitalization and flood protection project. Actual construction of this phase that includes a floodwall, riverwalk and plaza area will begin in June and be completed within 12 to 18 months.

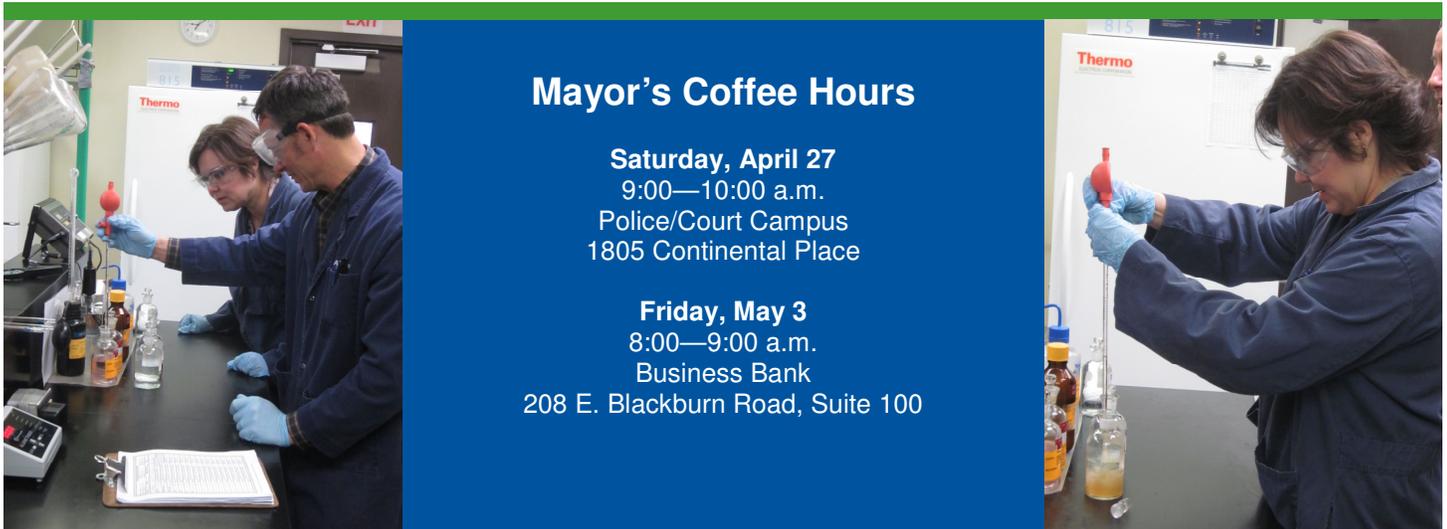
Mount Vernon Wastewater Treatment Plant Laboratory

Did you know we have an accredited laboratory at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)? The main function of the Lab at the WWTP is to perform analysis on the Plant and process samples in accordance with State requirements, frequency, and methods. These results determine how the process should be adjusted to maintain a high quality effluent. The lab also reports the results of the analysis on a monthly basis to the Department of Ecology, assuring compliance with the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the State. This permit allows the City's WWTP to discharge treated water to the Skagit River while protecting human health. The lab also performs analyses on the microbiology of the Plant Process to determine the most efficient mode of operation for the current environment.

Mount Vernon has a combined sewer and stormwater system. Water from our houses (toilet, shower, kitchen) is treated along with stormwater from gutters and streets - about 4 million gallons per day on average, and as much as 20 million gallons during a storm event.

I had the pleasure of working alongside Process Analyst Andrew Denham this past month. I assisted Andrew in Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) testing. Our WWTP employees have received an outstanding award for perfect testing compliance in 7 of the past 9 years. Congratulations to the WWTP team!

If you are interested in a tour of the plant, please contact Gary Duranceau at 360-336-6219.



Mayor's Coffee Hours

Saturday, April 27
9:00—10:00 a.m.
Police/Court Campus
1805 Continental Place

Friday, May 3
8:00—9:00 a.m.
Business Bank
208 E. Blackburn Road, Suite 100

Upcoming Events

Downtown Mount Vernon Street Fair

April 19—21

Fri & Sat, 10:00 am—6:00 pm

Sun, 10:00 am—5:00 pm

All along 1st Street

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, April 20

10:00 am—4:00 pm

Between the Library and City Hall
(enter from Cleveland Avenue)

Earth Day Volunteer Work Party

Saturday, April 20

10:00 am—1:00 pm

Edgewater Park
600 Behrens Millett Rd

Check our website
www.mountvernonwa.gov
for Parks and Recreation offerings

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Downtown Readerboard Improvement

The City is working with Mount Vernon High School to revitalize and enhance the readerboard on the corner of 1st and Kincaid Streets, including adding brick work and “vintage feel” lighting. Last Fall, the student ASB officers approached the City with ideas to improve the corner, and worked with the City to bring this project forward. Thank you to Dr. Carl Bruner and the School District for partnering to improve our “First Impressions” in the Historic Downtown area.

City Ward Meetings

The City Council has scheduled Ward Meetings in May to encourage community discussion about important issues and to provide residents with the opportunity to voice their questions, concerns or observations about the City of Mount Vernon. All meetings will be from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Ward 1: Monday, May 6 at the Police/Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place
Attendees: Ward 1 Councilmembers Joe Lindquist and Ken Quam, At-Large Councilmember Dale Ragan and Mayor Jill Boudreau

Ward 2: Tuesday, May 7 at Hillcrest Lodge, 1717 S. 13th Street
Attendees: Ward 2 Councilmembers Mark Hulst and Gary Molenaar, At-Large Councilmember Dale Ragan and Mayor Jill Boudreau

Ward 3: Thursday, May 9 at Fire Station 3, 4601 E. Division
Attendees: Ward 3 Councilmembers Bob Fiedler and Mike Urban, At-Large Councilmember Dale Ragan and Mayor Jill Boudreau

There is a Ward map on the City’s website at www.mountvernonwa.gov or you can call my office at (360) 336-6211.

Hillcrest Lodge Kitchen Remodel

The City of Mount Vernon is pleased to announce the completion of a much anticipated project at Hillcrest Park. The kitchen in the Hillcrest Lodge has been completely remodeled and transformed into a commercial grade kitchen.

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Department worked with local businesses to plan and design a kitchen that not only meets the standards of a commercial grade kitchen, but is functional and easy to use for all of our clients.



With the help of a very generous \$10,000 donation from the Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon, and facing a very strict 6 week timeline, the Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation staff completed the project on time and under budget.

The City of Mount Vernon, and the Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Department, would like to thank the Pickerings of Max Dales for their review of the project.